

Handout: Questions to Guide Your Reading: *Dillon's Rule*

1. What were the original reasons that the colony of Virginia was founded?
2. How was colonial Virginia governed at that time?
3. Who was Judge Dillon?
4. How did he feel about local government and its officials? Did the time period in which he lived have anything to do with his opinions? If so, how?
5. According to Dillon's Rule, what three types of powers can local governments exercise?
6. What happens in there is REASONABLE DOUBT as to whether the local government can exercise those powers?
7. Did Judge Dillon believe that local governments had any specific constitutional powers?
8. From where did Judge Dillon believe that local governments should derive their powers?